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see clarification below

From: Han, Linda (DPH)
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Julie-- can you check this please? there may be more to follow. thanks, Linda

Q 1:

There is no indication that any other employees were involved. Each drug specimen is tested in two separate steps in two separate lab areas. Each step is performed by an individual technician working independently. No other technicians are involved in testing that specimen, except for a supervisor who reviews the final results.

When the lab was using the two chemist system (as it was during Annie's tenure), the supervisor did not review all results. The thought being that the two chemists were checking each other but not in a documented way. That's why I felt it important to have a true technical review of all analyses that was signed off upon. we moved to that overtime as some analysts needed to be trained on mass spec.

A few clarifications from Julie:

Chuck Salemi (one "m") has been with the Drug Lab for many years, but Julie doesn't know for certain whether he was already the lab supervisor when Annie was hired 8 years ago.

Annie originally reported to Elisabeth O'Brien. Elisabeth subsequently moved into (was promoted into? yes) the role of supervisor of the evidence office (maybe 2 -3 years ago), at which point Annie started reporting directly to Chuck.

The Amherst Lab took specimens from the Boston Lab evidence office and performed all testing in Amherst. No specimens were shared between Annie and the Amherst lab.